

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **January 14, 2003**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **8**

CONSENT: **X**

REGULAR:

CLOSED SESSION:

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

(Confidential)

ITEM TITLE: **Technology Funding for Criminal Justice Work Group**

RECOMMENDATION: Appropriate \$27,520 from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies to fund one-time costs (\$23,640) and recurring costs of \$3,880 to provide hardware and software to Juvenile Probation (24th District Court Services Unit), Community Corrections and Pre-trial Services, Commonwealth Attorney, Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority, Juvenile Detention Home, and the Chief Magistrate.

SUMMARY: In August 2002, representatives from the various criminal justice entities in the City began to meet to discuss how information could be shared among the criminal justice community to better suppress gang activity. This work group has been meeting at least monthly since August and has been very successful in sharing information to suppress gang activity. One of the missing elements in linking the criminal justice work group together has been the lack of technological connectivity and access to common databases.

An analysis has been completed that outlines the basic hardware and software (database) needs of each partner in the criminal justice work group. A copy of this analysis is attached. City Council should be aware that this analysis includes "basic" needs for this work group to better communicate with one another to further suppress criminal activity (gang-related and otherwise).

"Pistol" is a database containing criminal histories, suspected involvement in criminal activity, vehicle data, etc. "VCAIS" is the Virginia Commonwealth's Attorneys' Information System that helps Commonwealth Attorneys' manage docket control, pre-trial confinement tracking, and coordination of victim-witness services. "LIDS" is the Local Inmate Data System.

Access to these systems among the criminal justice work group is intended to provide a more seamless sharing of common information in managing not only gang-related activity but other criminal justice issues as well.

PRIOR ACTION(S): Finance Committee, January 7, 2003, recommended approval.

BUDGET IMPACT: \$27,520

CONTACT(S): Bonnie Svrcek, Deputy City Manager, 847.1443 (Ext. 224)

ATTACHMENT(S): Requirements and Estimates for Shared Access to Criminal Justice Systems

REVIEWED BY: lkp

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that \$27,520 is appropriated from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies to provide technological connectivity and access to common databases among the various members of the criminal justice work group.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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Requirements and Estimates for Shared Access to Criminal Justice Systems

Agency	Contact	System to Access	Requirements	Connectivity?	1-Time Cost	Ongoing Cost	Comments
Juvenile Probation	Bob Wade 847-1582 x210	Pistol	1 Pistol license	New connection to City's network	\$ 1,500	\$ 240	
			1 PC, printer	Connect this PC to Commonwealth Attn. network switch	\$ 1,600	\$ -	Assume this PC will be added to City's inventory for future replacement.
			Labor & materials for CAT5 cabling to Commonwealth Attn. switch		\$ 400	\$ -	
Community Corrections & Pretrial Services	Cynthia Plummer 845-2164 x26	Pistol	3 Pistol licenses	Thru existing City network connection	\$ 4,500	\$ 1,440	Want 6 people to have access to Pistol
		VCAIS	none	"	\$ -	\$ -	Want 6 people to have access to VCAIS
		LIDS	none	Internet or thru existing City network connection	\$ -	\$ -	Want 7 people to have access to LIDS
Commonwealth Attorney	Jim Puckett 847-1593 x243	Pistol	5 Pistol licenses	Thru existing City network connection	\$ 7,500	\$ 1,200	
		LIDS	none	Internet or thru existing City network connection	\$ -	\$ -	
BRRJA	Janet Severson 847-3100	VCAIS	2 Lotus Notes licenses	Thru existing City network connection	\$ 140	\$ 40	
		Pistol	1 Pistol license	"	\$ 1,500	\$ 240	
Detention Home	Lisa Wood 847-1635	Pistol	2 Pistol licenses	Thru existing City network connection	\$ 3,000	\$ 480	
Adult Probation & Parole	Mary Basten	none	This office must continue to access Common. Attn's physical files to get required info, even though some of this info is contained in Pistol and VCAIS.	n/a -- continue getting data manually from Common. Attn. files	\$ -	\$ -	This office is located in the Allied Arts Building; no City network facilities currently exist to this building.

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City Magistrate	John Payne 847-1426	Pistol	1 Pistol license	New connection to City's network	\$ 1,500	\$ 240	Says VCIN access not needed; wants Officers to continue to bring info to him.
			1 PC, printer	Connect this PC to BRRJA network switch	\$ 1,600	\$ -	Assume this PC will be added to City's inventory for future replacement. This PC could be set up for access to City's Financial System.
			Labor & materials for CAT5 cabling to BRRJA switch		\$ 400	\$ -	
Police Department	David Taylor 847-1366 x264	VACCIS	none	Internet thru existing City network connection	\$ -	\$ -	
				Total	\$ 23,640	\$ 3,880	
<i>updated:</i>	12/18/2002						